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Council assesses campus climate study

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Thomas Pavkov, executive director of the Institute for Social and Policy Research, discusses the findings of PUC campus climate after conducting 11 focus groups with about 50 participants.

Caitlin Ryder
Senior Staff Writer

The campus climate needs some major improvements, according to the Campus Climate Assessment Focus Group during two discussion sessions on Dec. 6.

Members of the group, Catherine Gillotti, communication professor, and Thomas Pavkov, associate psychology professor, presented the information.

The group, part of the Multi-Cultural Campus Council, established in 2005 by Chancellor Howard Cohen, according to the presentation.

The council's, made up of faculty, staff and administrators, purpose is to help spread cultural understanding and explore the diverse PUC campus.

The group's main objective was to find out how faculty, staff and administration felt certain issues were addressed on campus. These issues spread from fair treatment to safety.

Gillotti and Pavkov said the data was taken during 11 focus groups in October, with about 50 participants included within the groups.

They discussed the reoccurring themes that arose throughout the focus groups, which included gender issues, training and minority representation.

"Some of the statements [made during the focus groups] can make your hair crawl," Pavkov said.

Gillotti said there were a lot of differences between how faculty and staff felt about certain issues.

there is a large lack of minority employees on campus.

"Of 230 or so faculty on campus, you can count the minority on your fingers," Pavkov said.

According to Pavkov and Gillotti, many minorities feel they are treated differently than those who are non-minorities.

It was also stated during the presentation that minorities find it hard to advance in their career and

"Faculty overall are not appreciated and we are looked at as slackers that need to be beaten into being productive. That creates a bad climate."

-One faculty participant

Pavkov said the most prominent issue across the groups was compensation. Pavkov said faculty and staff said the level of compensation reflects how much they are valued on the campus. Pavkov said there was a general unhappiness in salaries.

"We don't want to leave you all with an impression that this is an end all. This is just a flavor of what is out there," he said.

A large portion of the presentation focused on minority representation on campus. According to the report and the presentation,

achieve promotion on campus. According to the report, one participant said "if you are a person of color at the University you don't see the opportunities for advancement come forth..."

Gillotti said the same issues were found dealing with women and sexual orientation. She said women felt their ideas were not taken seriously in the male domi-

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Dunn resigns

Dean Dunn shifts focus to the Liberal Arts School on campus

Brian Bultima
Assistant News Editor

Dean Dan Dunn announced his resignation last week from his position as dean of the graduate school at PUC beginning next semester, citing his decision is "best for the university and me."

Latif

Dunn

Dunn's resignation coincides with the graduate school's recent major effort in increasing graduate student enrollment at PUC. The graduate school intends to shift its emphasis by increasing distance education options, attract more international graduate students and developing professional programs.

Dunn is also the dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, PUC's largest school, and says his resignation will allow him to shift his focus to this position.

"Since 1997 I've had two assignments, and I feel that at this time I would like to devote my full time energy to the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences," Dunn said.

In an e-mail sent to students and faculty, Chancellor Cohen highlighted Dunn's 17-year career as graduate school dean saying he is grateful for Dunn's many accomplishments.

Niaz Latif, dean of the School of Technology, will take on the dual role over as dean of the graduate school, beginning next semester.

Latif said he plans to "promote and expand the graduate school at Purdue Calumet" under the school's new change in emphasis.

Wes Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor for advancement, said the graduate school at PUC is run by Purdue-West Lafayette, which allow one dean to serve two roles. Lukoshus said Latif will be the permanent dean of the graduate school rather than an interim dean.

An inside look at course evaluations

Brian Bultema
Assistant News Editor

The course evaluations administered to PUC students at each semester's end goes beyond improving the courses for the next semester.

They affect decisions by PUC administrators as to which faculty members will be promoted and given tenure, according to dean of nursing Peggy Gerard.

Although course evaluations do not make or break a professor's career, Gerard said each faculty member is evaluated annually by administrators to determine their effectiveness in the classroom, and the evaluations serve as a component to determine how the professor has connected with students.

"Student course evaluations should answer the question 'what kind of climate was created for learning?'" Robert Rivers, dean of education, said.

After students fill out the course evaluations in the classroom, the results are reviewed by the department head, the dean and tenured faculty if the professor is up for promotion or tenure. If a professor is already tenured, the evaluations are submitted only to the department head who reviews them during the faculty member's annual evaluation.

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Course evaluations provide anonymous and unbiased feedback to facility from students.

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Fall 2007 Finals Schedule

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What's Going On?

A Look Around...

Ebony Scrooge

The PUC Theatre Group presents "Ebony Scrooge, "a feminist twist on a holiday favorite.

This production is open to the public with free admission.

"Ebony Scrooge" will have two showings. One will be on Friday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. in Calumet Falls in SUL and 7 p.m. at Towle Community Theatre on 5236 Hohman Ave in Hammond.

Chancellor's Reading Circle

Student Activities is sponsoring the Chancellor's Reading Circle on Jan. 16 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Kuiper House located one block from campus. Visiting Assistant Professor Radmila Sarac will facilitate a discussion of the book "Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time."

Interested students may contact Student Activities at 989-2369 or in SUL 104-B to register.

Books are free and refreshments are provided.

Scholarship essay contest

PUC Career Services is sponsoring a student scholarship essay contest. Six students who enter will be selected by a panel of expert judges to received a $250 scholarship to be used towards books and expenses for the spring 2009 semester at PUC.

To participate, submit a 500 word essay by noon, Dec.22. The topic of the essay is "How Entrepreneurship is Important to Northwest Indiana."

It should explain your ideas or feelings about how entrepreneurship can help grow the economy in Northwest Indiana and what entrepreneurs add to a community.

E-mail your essay to cottondr@calumet.purdue.edu. For more information, call Career Services at 989-2600.

Pep Band

Are you interested in forming a pep band at PUC? Contact Student Activities at 989-2369 or drop by SUL 104-B.

Restaurant Discount

All staff, facility and students can receive a restaurant discount. The Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee has obtained a discount agreement with Ye's Mongolian Grill located on 210 West Lincoln Highway in Schererville.

A 15 percent discount of lunch or dinner is available. PUC identification is needed to use this discount.

Seminar

Department of Biological Sciences will sponsor a seminar by candidate for assistant professor.

"Sulfated Polysaccharides of Rhizobia: Biosynthesis, Regulation, and Symbiotic Function" is by David Keating, Ph.D. of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology in Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University. It will be Monday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Gyte 116.

Screenings

There is only one screening date left before the end of the year on Thursday, Dec. 13. If you want to complete your screening before the holiday break, go to www.calumet.purdue.edu/wellness and make an appointment.

Los Latinos Book Drive

Books will be donated to children at the Three Kings Day program that the International Community Alliance will be holding.

The book drive will beginDec. 10 and run until Dec. 28 in the SUL Concourse. For more informaiton, contact Jahaira Perez at perezj@calumet.purdue.edu.

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Lights out for SUL game room

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In response of the game room being closed down, some students brought in their own televisions and gaming system to play video games in Calumet Falls.

More supervision for the widely-used SUL game room will be implemented in the spring semester after a series of break-ins within the past month.

The coin-operated arcade games were accessed with a key and set for free game play, Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik said.

This has occurred on and off for the past three to four weeks, he added.

"It's a shame some students have to act that way," Dudzik said. "The game room is a student space. That is their territory. They should take pride in what is theirs."

The vandalism initially occurred on Nov.16, which caused the decision to temporarily close the game room Nov. 30.

More supervision and presence by intramural student workers and the PUC Police Department are currently in the works, Dudzik said, with foul language and cleanliness as some of the leading causes for stricter rules.

"We want to crack down on some of the lack of respect some students show in that room," he said, adding that random checkups throughout the day will occur.

Dudzik said he is prepared to periodically shut down the game room in order to get the message across. While most students who enter the game room are good students, he said he doesn't want others to perceive the room in a negative image.

The game room is expected to reopen during finals week after locks on the games are changed.

No leads have been made, and the case remains under investigation by the PUC PD, he said.

Dudzik hopes the recent vandalism does not result in the permanent closure of the game room, which is used by students during class breaks and for intramural events.

"I don't want it to come to that. The students need a place to call their own," he said. "It would be a shame to close the room down because of some trouble makers."

Some students who frequently use the game room felt is was an unnecessary call to temporary close the game room, including John Schrader.

"I don't like it," the junior education major said. "It should be open for enjoyment regardless."

The temporary closure did not prevent students from passing their break time by playing games.

Students arrived equipped with personal monitors and consoles after discovering the game room closure. Many gathered outside the game room in Calumet Falls.

Anyone with information should contact PUC PD at 989-2220.

Discussions

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nated campus.

Another issue discussed during the focus groups was the placement of most black employees on campus. The presentation and report discussed the title "the ghetto" given to the third floor of the SUL because of the TRIO programs.

"I wasn't aware this was going on throughout campus, this doesn't happen in the nursing department," said Maureen Marthaler, associate nursing professor, who was visibly moved by the presentation.

According to the presentation, Marthaler feelings were justified. The report states the only department to have rave reviews for equality is the nursing department.

Victor Holden, associate director of Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action, said he is anxious to see the next steps.

A large scale survey will be conducted in the spring looking further into the themes found by the focus groups, said Gillotti.

The report and the survey will be given to the administrators to make a decision on implementation.

View the document
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The History of the Internet

It may seem like the internet isn't all that old. Things like myspace, and google are hallmarks of a younger generation. But someone who's been in the IT industry can tell you that the internet is a lot older than it looks. The concept was first envisioned in 1960 by J.C.R. Licklider a professor at MIT, though it wouldn't take physical shape until ARPANET was launched in 1969. By 1973 there were enough networks that a new protocol TCP/IP was launched in an effort to connect them and with it the Internet was born, though the term itself wouldn't be used until 1974.

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- E-Mail actually predated the internet by almost a decade. It was launched in 1965 as a communication tool for multiple users sharing the same mainframe at one time.
- In 1973 the first ARPANET connection outside the US was established to NORSAR in Norway .
- The first chat client was the CB Simulator. It was launched in 1980, 17 years before AIM was put on the market.
- In 1986 the first documented cracker Markus Hess appeared and was tracked and eventually caught by Clifford Stoll.
- The first search engine, the Archie search engine, was launched in 1990 and actually predated the World Wide Web, but continued after it's creation.
- The World Wide Web was launched in 1990 as a way for academics to share papers.
- Purdue.edu was one of the very first registered domains on the internet.
- There is an anticipated 38 percent increase in the number of people with online access in the next four years. By 2011, 22 percent of the world's population will use the internet regularly.

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Evaluations

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Gerard said overall positive evaluations are viewed as evidence of an effective professor and overall negative evaluations sometimes serve as evidence for a denial of promotion or tenure.

"Course evaluations are unique because they provide the only anonymous, unbiased feedback from the students in the course," Daniel Suson, dean of engineering, said.

Rivers said it is difficult for deans and department heads to understand the exact importance course evaluations should play in a faculty member's career. Rivers said the evaluations must serve as a small component in the promoting or granting tenure to a professor.

"Obviously course evaluations can't be the only thing," Rivers said. "Most students don't know how to evaluate courses properly. I had a graduate student give me a poor review one time because I made her write her own paper."

Even if a professor is tenured, course evaluations can affect a professor's teaching style if they understand what does and what does not work within their classes.

"Sometimes the instructor simply might not be aware of certain problems within a course," Suson said.

Suson said in some situations problems relating to the instructor's teaching style could only be corrected if the instructor is made aware of potential improvements by students.

According to Rivers, PUC has used the same basic questions to evaluate professors since his arrival to the university in 1975. He said recently departments are going beyond the simple eight question-surveys given out to students during their final class of the semester.

Both the school of nursing and the school of technology have instituted additional measures to ensure course evaluations are more than a student deciding if he or she liked the professor.

The school of technology uses an electronic survey that takes a student's attitude and competence into account when tallying the results. And the school of nursing focuses more on the amount of useful information a student has garnered in the course.

"Faculty members are expected to do effective teaching in the classroom to enhance students' learning," dean of engineering Niaz Latif said.

According to Rivers, course evaluations are a small component that does just that.

Looking to kill some time?
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Gas leak causes building evacuation

Chronicle Staff Report

A nearby gas leak prompted an immediate evaluation of the Couple & Family Therapy Center and the Entrepreneurship Center on Dec. 4.

The gas leak was located underground in the north end, with the pipes leading into the building. The source of problem was that of Korellis Roofing located on 169th St., Wes Lukoshus said, assistant vice chancellor of advancement.

The 169th building evacuated after Department Head of Behavioral Sciences Michael Flannery reported the situation to Michael Kull, assistant vice chancellor for Administrative Services.

The building evacuated at about 10 a.m., Lukoshus said.

Northern Indiana Public Service Co. accessed the situation and deemed the building recoupable at about 1:15 p.m.

No injuries were reported.

Mentoring course offers cultural experience, cash

Mike Ayala
Staff Writer

Chronicle illustration by Nathyn D. Gibson

Students can become a mentor to international students. Requirements include being at least a sophomore and having a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Students interested in learning more about international culture and making $10 an hour on the side may want to take the Peer Mentoring of International Students class.

As the name implies, the focus of the class is to aid PUC international students. National students will help them learn more of the English language, as well as make them more accustomed to the culture of the United States.

"You cannot learn the language without learning the culture," Mohammed Errihani, director of the English language program said.

As mentors, the national students will learn about the cultural differences of the international students in turn, he added.

Errihani stresses that the course should be viewed as a class, not a job.

Errihani believes instructors may be out of touch with the culture of young international students. Assigning mentors may help alleviate that problem and make the international students feel more welcome, he said.

The national students will work under the guidance of an instructor. The mentors will work in class for three hours, mingling with the international students, answering cultural questions and tutoring them about English.

The mentors are also responsible to work for seven hours with the students outside of class. Mentors are free to use this time however they wish.

"Mentors need to bring in their creativity," Errihani said.

Mentors can use the time to assist students in their homework, take them to a restaurant or go to the theater, Errihani said.

Interested national students do not need to be fluent in a second language, English instructor Janine Harrison said.

Students interested in becoming mentors must also be sophomore level or above.

Mentors will take normal classes for three weeks. They will receive necessary training for the course, and will then work with the international students. At the end of the course, the mentors will have to create a presentation of their experiences in the class.

Registration has closed for the course. However, interested students can enroll Jan. 7. Students will not have to be interviewed before they are accepted as mentors.

Students that have already enrolled have had a GPA of 3.0 or above and has been recommended by instructors, Harrison said.

"They have all been genuinely interested in learning about international students," she said.

Twenty-eight mentors will be hired for the course, Harrison said. One mentor will be assigned to one of 28 sections. The sections are divided into four different blocks; each with a focus on reading, writing, speaking or listening comprehension.

Mentors will also receive credit towards experiential learning requirements upon completion of the course.

After the course has ended, mentors can also apply for a job as an international tutor at the Writing Center. Students can also apply for another mentoring program, Errihani said.

The mentoring course provides experiences that look good on resumes, Harrison said.

According to Errihani, the mentoring course was inspired by the surge of international students attending PUC.

Many of the students tend to stay within their own groups, so very few speak with national students, he said.

Another issue is that many of them are assigned in large blocks at the University Village. By doing so, this staggers the ability of national and international students to mingle, Errihani said.

"Hopefully the program will help both parties," he said.

Police Blotter

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Under investigation

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Closed

12.05.07 - Porter - 7:15 p.m.
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Computer labs no longer a place for academia

Ryan Metz
Assistant Sports Editor

I walk to the computer lab in the Powers building several times a week. If I'm given a few minutes in between classes, I try to find that little bit of motivation to finish that paper I've been putting off or do some research for the paper.

My eyes wander throughout the dozens of computers and I can't help but notice all the people wasting time playing games or looking at mind-numbing communication utilities such as MySpace or Facebook.

Isn't the computer lab supposed to be a place for focused academia?

If we only would spend as much time skimming through our books and notepads as we do looking at MySpace pictures and Facebook comments, then we would all have our refrigerators filled with papers with big As at the top.

In this day and age when anything we want to study is simply a fingertip stroke of the key away, is sometimes overwhelming.

We have the capabilities of bringing our whole PowerPoint presentation on a zip drive that fits on a keychain. We can text our friends and family on the other side of the country to see what they're up to and get a response in a mere few seconds. We can carry around enough songs that a DJ would be envious of, on a machine the size of a pack of cards.

Yet we often times abuse the technology and use it when it's inappropriate. Should we really be zoning out a lecture with our headphones and listening to music? Should we really have our laptops on during a speech given by another classmate instant messaging our friends? And why do I feel the urge to change my fantasy football team lineup on my cell phone in the middle of class?

PUC has given us the amenities to facilitate a perfect learning environment and we find it more compelling to play shooter-up games and look at the pictures of your buddy's rad party over the weekend.

The Web site for the main computer lab suggests it's a place that offers students reliable tips and tools to assist with in-class performance and assignments.

Some get to school early and put in long hours, and a few extra minutes when we can put our thinking caps aside certainly shouldn't hurt. But imagine if we can hone our concentration and make that time more meaningful by learning.

But, who am I kidding?

Excuse me while I go finish watching the skateboarding bulldog on YouTube.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Ryan Metz at chronicle_sports_assistant @ yahoo.com or (219) 989-2547.

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Feeling unvalued and disrespected

The issue: Campus Climate Assessment Focus Group summary

Our opinion: Changes need to be made soon

Some major adjustments and improvements need to be implemented by administrators, and it is evident with the Summary Report of Campus Climate Assessment Focus Groups.

Focus groups were conducted by the Survey Research Center of the Institute for Social and Policy Research to find out what the climate was like for PUC's faculty and staff.

And the results are far from acceptable. Problems range from respect to salaries and even minority issues.

These focus groups gave various answers to what they believe is the comfort level here at PUC. The findings show that this level of comfort varies within each department. A lack of consistency spreads across campus with each department.

PUC will need to make some changes in order to help make everyone feel more comfortable on campus, ensuring each department remains consistent with rules and regulations for their workers. There's no reason employees should feel uncomfortable in their work place and feel like an outsider at PUC.

One person in a focus group said, "there is a lack of general standards across schools." There's only one school that comes up in a consistent, positive light several times – the school of nursing. The report states this school has a lot of teamwork and cooperation. But one consistent "A+" for one department is nowhere near good. What does this say about other departments?

There's mention of a lack of "heart" in the university. Faculty members themselves said that there isn't enough making others feel welcome. The faculty is there to support each other and students out.

If there is no warm, welcoming feeling, other faculty, staff and students can feel pushed away. That's including visitors and potential students. It could lead to current students discouraging potential students or transfers from entering the doors of PUC because of its atmosphere.

Faculty participants noted a lack of community in the report, stating they feel mistreated by their deans and that no one ever does anything to change it. The university needs to change their policies and have both faculty and administration work together more. Consistent communication audits can help in this department, and not link a complaint to a certain person or department.

The PUC administration needs to take immediate measures to implement change soon. The documentation is proof that unhappy people are working at PUC. It's only a matter of time that this obvious frustration will continue to foster in itself and grow into something unfixable.

At some point, these frustrations and problems will trinkle down the ladder from faculty to staff to students, and students will not only see but feel the affects of unhappy employments.

PUC strived to portray itself as a university with respect and values, and some faculty and staff say otherwise. The adminstration wants students to take pride in PUC, but how is this so when faculty and staff themselves can't do so themselves?

The administration strives to make this a great university, focusing on enrollment and housing to name a few. They want to welcome the community. How can they welcome, invite and embrace others when PUC doesn't embrace its faculty and staff?

PUC will not foster unless there is a sense of value, appreciate and respect, and it starts with valuing those implementing the change: faculty and staff.

View the report at:
webs.calumet.purdue.edu/ispr/2007/12/06/campus-climate-assessment-focus-group-summary-available/

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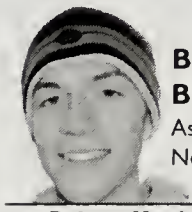
Revise gun control laws



Brian Bultema
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Robert Hawkins' rampage last week that killed nine people in an Omaha mall is yet another unfortunate violent incident which will be held as exhibit A in the debate for increased gun control.

It raises the recurring questions once again: Do gun-control laws keep guns out of the hands of potentially violent criminals like Hawkins or strip weapons from upstanding citizens?

I think it may be a little bit of both.

America is at a crossroads now in the Second Amendment debate. The Supreme Court is considering a case which challenges the strict gun laws in Washington D.C. that restrict all handguns and only allow for rifles or shotguns if they are stored disassembled or disabled with trigger locks.

If the Supreme Court decides to uphold the D.C. law, they are effectively saying there is no right to bear arms. If the Supreme Court rules in favor of the plaintiff, Dick Heller, there will be a tidal wave of additional challenges to local and state laws that regulate guns.

But a certain amount of gun control has always been accepted.

Just as the First Amendment does not entitle Americans to slander, defame and lie about people, the Second Amendment has not given Americans the unconditional right to possess any weapon.

The ban on fully automatic weapons has now been accepted by all Americans, except for a few Second Amendment strict constructionists who believe any American should have access to any weapon.

Now disillusioned criminals like Hawkins are using semi-automatic weapons to kill scores of innocent people. This is the exact purpose of these weapons; to kill people.

These killing machines must be either severely regulated or banned to prevent additional tragedies by making it difficult for people like Hawkins to access a gun when they are either depressed or angry.

Gun-rights advocates will argue that more guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens means a greater deterrent for potential criminals.

But when was the last time you heard of a shopper, graduate student or high school student pulling their handgun out and killing the would-be mass murderer?

This kind of macho, vigilante justice only exists in the realm of fantasy and rarely acts as a deterrent to somebody set on "going out in style."

Have feedback? Readers can contact Brian Bultema at chronicle_news_assistant @ yahoo.com or (219) 989-2547.

Get up and get out during the holidays

From classy to cool on New Year's Eve

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Staff Writer

Let's face it. When people hear New Year's Eve some think of a wild night out, and some think of a cozy evening at home with Dick Clark.

Here's a list of great stuff to do no matter what type of person you are.

For Those Who Go All Out

For those out to impress, and with some extra cash to blow, try a fireworks dinner cruise at Navy Pier.

This Mystic Blue Cruise ship settles a mile from shore and includes dinner, an open bar, DJ entertainment, dancing, butlered Hors d' Oeuvres, party favors and a countdown to fireworks over the lake. Can we say classy?

The price is about $150 a person, but well worth it. The ship takes off at 8:30 p.m. and docks at 1 a.m.

Call (877) 299-7783 for ticket information.

For the Karaoke Superstar

Okay, New Year's Eve is the night. Muster up the courage and grab that mic at the local bar. Bring your Carrie Underwood CD, belt out "Before He Cheats" and get some major audience participation.

Can't sing? Doesn't matter. Slip on some cowboy boots and a smile and you're set. The next morning no one will remember what happened anyways.

For Those Who Want to be Entertained

The Radisson Hotel in Merrillville is hosting a performance starring comedian Damon Williams – who opened for "The Original Kings of Comedy" tour. Tickets for the performance are $40, and the show lasts from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The hotel also boasts two restaurants and the Atrium Bar and Lounge. Rent a room and split the tab with a group. The hotel even has a day spa – it might be helpful after a long night of partying.

The Radisson can be reached at (219) 769-6311.

For the Family

If you have small children, Brookfield Zoo's "Zoo Year's Eve" is definitely the best bet. The zoo has teamed up with Radio Disney to provide children with their own unique celebration.

Activities, crafts and live entertainment are available, and the countdown ends at 8 p.m. instead of midnight – making the night safer for kids and easier on parents.

Contact the Brookfield Zoo at (708) 688-8000.

For the Homebody

Too embarrassed to go to sleep at 11 p.m. but don't want to spend the night alone with Dick Clark? Try a laid back party with a couple of close friends or family.

Skip the loud music and dress clothes – everybody is probably a little frazzled after Christmas anyway. Watch a movie, play a game – a personal favorite is "Would You Rather?" – and eat a lot of food.

On the plus side, you'll be the only one without a hangover.

A gamer's guide to best Christmas presents

Sean Davis
Staff Writer

It's the end of the year and Christmas is almost here. With time off of school, we finally get to play the games that have come out over the last few months.

Hopefully Santa brings all of us some pretty cool stuff, but in case he misses something on the list, here are some other gift ideas courtesy of yours truly.

"Mass Effect" is the new Xbox 360 RPG by the guys who made "Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic" and "Neverwinter Nights" – and it shows.

"Mass Effect" is the best RPG out for the 360 right now and its reviews tell a tale of pure awesomeness. It's rated 9.4 out of 10 on IGN, 5 of 5 from Gamespy and 9.75 of 10 from Game Informer.

This game has so much plot and dialogue that it's oozing from the DVD itself, not to mention an awesome combat system and a beautiful game world.

The Xbox 360 HD-DVD player has been reduced in price by $20 so it's now only $179.99, which is pretty cheap for an HD-DVD player. Plus, it connects to your PC.

The Logitech G5 Gaming mouse is a great buy at roughly $70 because it offers on-the-fly DPI adjustments and even weights inside for your gaming comfort.

Logitech also offers some great gaming keyboards such as the G15 and G11. As backlit keyboards, they're perfect for all those dark, lonely gaming nights.

Sennheiser offers some great headphones – especially the PC 150 Gaming Headphones – who which are oh-so comfortable and sound great for less than $50.

The 8800GT from GeForce's line of PCI-Express video cards is still a good buy, even at $280 from newegg.com.

"Crysis" is arguably the best shooter to come out this year and everyone should own it – especially you. But don't look down at games like "Kane and Lynch: Dead Men." Just because they are slightly flawed doesn't mean they aren't fun to play.

If you are looking for a guaranteed good time and own a Wii, then you should go out and get "Super Mario Galaxy." Not only is it a Mario game and therefore already perfect, but gamerankings.com has this game listed as second, only to "The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time."

Lastly, drink a bunch of booze-filled eggnog for me and tear into those presents like there's no tomorrow.

Enjoy the Holidays.

Do something different on Christmas Eve

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Try something different this Christmas and check out Indiana 105's Griswold lights contest, adopted from the 1989 film "National Lampoons Christmas Vacation."

Katie Ramsey
Staff Writer

Many people have lost the Christmas spirit. No one appreciates the gloricus decorations, warm greetings, songs, getting to look like a dork in a Santa hat and the overall feeling of warmth.

This year, snap out of it. Christmas Eve shouldn't be wasted in front of the television.

Here are a few ways to spend Christmas Eve efficiently.

Take a drive

Grab a Christmas CD, family member or close friend and hop in the car. Drive around the neighborhood and look for the houses that have great light displays. A new trend that the "richer folk" are doing is hiring professionals to hang their lights for them. Travel a little farther if necessary and visit the wealthier communities – it will be worth it.

A lot of people have the Christmas spirit and want to show it by putting their flare on their house and lawn. It's a great way to spend quality time with the family or chit chat with some close friends while enjoying the neighborhood's artistic side for the holiday season.

Find the true meaning

Religion may not be the top thing on some peoples to-do list – but hold on a minute. Christmas is derived from a holy day in which Christ was born.

Going to a Christmas Eve mass at any church is beautiful. There's Christmas music, lovely decorations, enough poinsettias for everyone in the room and can be taken as a refresher course on the true meaning of Christmas. It doesn't have to be about religion, but what Christmas is supposed to mean.

Hit the ice

Ice skating is a fun past time that has taken a back seat. Deep River Water Park offers ice skating all the way through March. It's closer than the rink in Chicago so there's no battle with the traffic. Adults are $4 with discounts for children and senior citizens.

Are you with a group that doesn't like to skate but enjoys watching? Spectators are allowed to sit for free. If that gets boring, there is food and a gift shop available as well.

Sit by the fire

Christmas Eve is a great time to just stop and enjoy the company of others. A toasty fire, hot chocolate warming up on the stove, Christmas music playing in the back and looking at the lights on the tree while talking might suit some.

Try starting a tradition for the antsy youngsters sitting by the fire place. Everyone gets to open one gift on Christmas Eve. Some tweak it even more and have the early gift be a pair of pajamas that they get to wear to bed and wake up wearing on Christmas morning.

Check out the trees

Have a thing for Christmas trees? The Indiana Welcome Center has a display of 40 decked-out Christmas trees available for viewing the 24. There will also be live entertainment the Saturday and Sunday before from local bands as well as photo opportunities with Santa.

See a classic

More of the artsy type? The Valparaiso Center for Arts is turning the classic movie "The Christmas Story" into a play.

Adults are $18 and students and seniors are $15. Who would not pay to see someone get dressed up in a pink bunny costume?

Maddox, love him or hate him

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Entertainment Editor

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The brains behind the website, Maddox isn't afraid to speak his mind. Maddox.xmission.net is full of opinionated articles that will make you either love him or hate him.

The Web site is dedicated to him and why everything he thinks is great. Maddox.com isn't for the young, narrow minded or easily angered.

The man is there to vent and is simply known as Maddox.

"I don't have a last name, like Madonna and Jesus before me," he said.

With over 330 articles on the Web – each roughly two to three pages long – Maddox believes he could have written roughly three books by now.

The different topics available touch on subjects such as money, electronics, U.S. government, celebrities and sex, among others topics.

Maddox speaks his mind on a wide variety of content. With rants like "I am a genius, you are not" and "I just wanted a video game, not eternal damnation in hell" to more touchy pieces such as "Bush: making political satirists obsolete since 2000" and "Looking for a safe stance on abortion? Me neither."

Maddox causes controversy with whatever he writes.

"My inbox currently has about 32,000 unread messages, and I have another 90,000 or so unread in archive. Roughly 5 percent of that is hate mail," he said. "My detractors aren't very original when it comes to insulting me."

According to Maddox, his favorite articles were about vegetarians.

"I think I touched on something that struck a chord with a lot of people, because we're all tired of being judged by self-righteous vegetarians."

Although what he says might sound like simple ranting and raving to some, according to Maddox he spends a minimum of 16 hours of research for almost every topic he writes on – as well as another eight to 16 hours compiling it. It depends on how media-heavy the content is.

For his Mac commercial parody, Maddox spent over two weeks creating the video because he used individual frames from three different Mac commercials – animating 400 frames by hand.

Maddox is online roughly nine hours a day through wi-fi, his cell phone or laptop.

"Being some place that doesn't have wi-fi for longer than a few hours makes me irritable," he said.

According to Maddox, iPhones, college students, babies and birds are the things that bug him the most these days.

"The iPhone because it's way overrated," he said. "College students because they are way to optimistic. Babies because they're loud, they smell and they get away with breaking things I can't. Birds, because like college students, they are way too optimistic."

To college students in general, Maddox says to drop out.

"Any accomplishments you achieve on your own afterwards will be especially impressive because you can always tack on the line 'and I didn't even graduate college.'"

As long as he can afford it and the topics stay interesting and fun, Maddox will continue to keep up his site.

If you're not easily angered check out:

maddox.xmission.net

PUC graduate student presents 'fatherly FIRE'

Jeff Wozniak
Staff Writer

"fatherly FIRE," a play on the military term "friendly fire," explores the impact of alcoholism, abuse and abandonment on a father-son relationship.

The Towle Theater in Hammond will be showing "fatherly FIRE," a play written, directed and narrated by PUC graduate student William Norman Boggs.

Boggs

Boggs is currently working towards a master's degree in communication. With the help and encouragement of Dr. Theresa Carilli, a PUC communication professor, Boggs was able to transform events from his life into a theatrical production for others to experience.

"['fatherly FIRE'] has transformed my master of arts in communication program from something clinically sterile and/or purely academic into a project with deep personal meaning for me and hopefully, my audience," Boggs said through an *e-mail interview.*

"fatherly FIRE" features several members of Boggs' family, friends, fellow students and even himself. Boggs' three adult sons will portray him at various stages in his life.

"[It's] been an incredible joy having my sons do this with me ... my boys obviously know me well, and it's a blast to watch them try to mimic my mannerisms," he said.

Boggs' daughter Valerie will be flying in from Canada to perform as well, and other actors include local performer and family friend Jared Swift and fellow communication graduate student Lindsay Hingst.

In addition to portraying himself in later scenes, Boggs will also take on the role of narrator.

Aside from a couple minor roles decades ago, "fatherly FIRE" is Boggs' first venture into the theatrical realms of writing, directing and acting. Boggs likened the experience to "herding cats," citing challenges trying to corral cast members from Canada, Aurora, Illinois, downtown Chicago, Valparaiso and this area.

Drawing on his outsider's perspective of the production process and the guidance of Dr. Carilli, Boggs has incorporated several unique concepts into his production. In addition to traditional dramatic realism, Boggs interweaves flashbacks, "meta-monologues," and a "bifurcated narrator" who interacts with other players and even his past self.

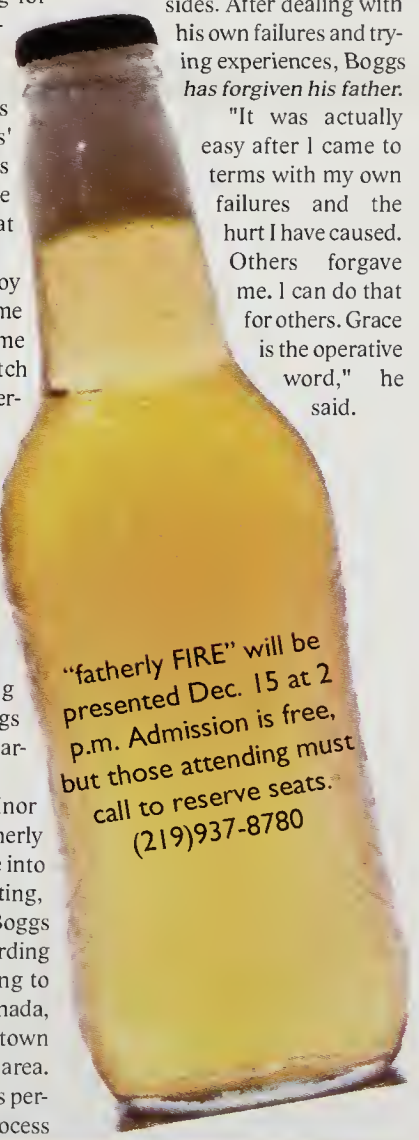
Boggs is also utilizing an additional element he calls "olfaction," but chooses to leave its purpose and function up to the imagination until the show is presented.

In addition to the new experiences and excitement inherent in the production process, "fatherly FIRE" has provided Boggs an opportunity to share his experience with alcoholism and paternal abandonment not only with his family, but also those who have had or are dealing with similar experiences.

"I did learn through this process that not all lessons my father taught me were negative. His bad example taught me to avoid substance abuse and to refuse to run when things get hard," he said.

Despite the sensitive and painful nature of the material, Boggs' story is not without its upsides. After dealing with his own failures and trying experiences, Boggs *has forgiven his father.*

"It was actually easy after I came to terms with my own failures and the hurt I have caused. Others forgave me. I can do that for others. Grace is the operative word," he said.



"fatherly FIRE" will be presented Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. Admission is free, but those attending must call to reserve seats. (219)937-8780

Duct tape, milk jugs and vinegar

Kristen Hannagan
Staff Writer

The garbage can is smelling up your apartment, you spilled pop all over a sweater and there's a box of mismatched earrings on top of the dresser.

What is there to do?

Grab a dryer sheet, some cold water, rubbing alcohol and hang pictures in the office.

These tips and more like them can be found in "Yankee Magazine Vinegar, Duct Tape, Milk Jugs & More: 1,001 Ingenious Ways to Use Common Household Items to Repair, Restore, Revive, or Replace Just about Anything in Your Life" by Earl Proulx and the Editors of Yankee Magazine.

To solve the problem of a smelly trash can, "Yankee" tells people to put a dryer sheet on the bottom of the can before putting on the liner. This helps to keep the smells at bay if there is anything left in the can after taking out the trash. The authors suggest replacing the dryer sheet after a few months or when the fragrance from it can no longer be noticed.

"Yankee's" tip for fixing a pop-stained sweater is to simply soak the stained area in cold water and put rubbing alcohol on it. The sweater can then be washed as it normally would.

And now for those earrings people can't find the matches to but can't stand to throw away; "Yankee" suggests using them as pushpins to hang pictures and notes on bulletin boards around the home or office.

Besides helpful hints, the book also solves everyday problems with items found in the home, or easily bought. For example, instead of throwing away or getting overloaded by all the CD-ROMs – such as those sent by AOL over the years – create a mobile for a baby's crib.

At askyourneighbor.com, tips and advice similar to "Yankee" can be found.

Don't have the budget for a home alarm system? Askyourneighbor.com suggests keeping car keys by the bed and hitting the panic button when something is suspected to be wrong. The car horn will continue to sound until it is either shut off or the car battery dies.

Looking to find a way to celebrate someone's special day instead of buying them something?

A suggestion from a user on askyourneighber.com says to drive that special someone by places that mean a lot to them. This could also be used to show those memorable days in the relationship have not been forgotten.

"Yankee" is currently available on amazon.com sold as a used copy.

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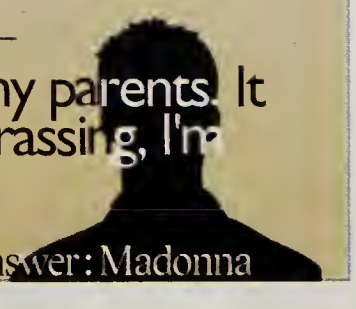

Last week's answer: Madonna

'The Mist' is thick with disturbing ideas

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"The Mist" is not for the sensitive. It's continuous suspense evokes emotion and will keep the audience at the edge of their seat, while the end will leave their jaws on the floor.

Jade Lee Lynch
Senior Staff Writer

"Stephen King's The Mist" might be one of the most grotesquely fascinating, depressing and anger-inducing films this year – or this decade, even.

The basic concept of this film is nothing new. A doom crier says "something is coming," and then – almost immediately – that something is upon a fairly diverse group of individuals who become trapped together.

King has done this before – most similarly (on the surface, anyway) with the TV mini-series "Storm of the Century" (1999). Only then, the "something" was both snow and the evil Andre Linoge. King also brought us "The Stand," a 1994 mini-series with people deciding between right and wrong in which the "something" was, in addition to an actual plague, the devil incarnate Randall Flagg.

But the "something" is different in "The Mist" – because the real enemy isn't the actual mist covering the town, or the tentacles and bugs that emerge from the mist but what people will do to each other when cut off from civilization and faced with almost certain death.

Director and screenwriter Frank Darabont ("The Shawshank Redemption" and "The Green Mile") adapted King's novella in which the wake of a storm drives a rural Maine village resident David Drayton (Thomas Jane) to journey into town with his young son, Billy (Nathan Gamble), to purchase emergency supplies. His uppity, citified neighbor, Brent Norton (Andre Braugher), tags along.

David and Brent shop for supplies at the grocery store, where everyone else from the area is stocking up as well. But something goes horribly wrong. A trusted local runs in to say "There's something in the mist," moments before the mist covers the store.

When his theory is tested, it's clear this is no ordinary mist – it has tentacles and malice.

Some believe this might be the result of something the military is doing in the area and calling the "Arrowhead Project," but others have less plausible ideas. David, along with several of the store's inhabitants and its assistant manager, Ollie (Toby Jones), try figuring out a way to get rescued.

Local religious zealot Mrs. Carmody (Marcia Gay Harden) is quick to decide that the mist is a Biblical plague. The appearance of giant bugs, including spiders with faces like evil skeletons, is in her opinion only proof of her case – which she uses to start whipping the more impressionable store dwellers into a frenzy.

This frenzy is the beginning of the end for many in this film. Much more dangerous than the tentacles, bugs and zero visibility is the mentality of people who want something to believe in – and those who have lost all hope.

Jane, Jones and Harden are outstanding in this film. The mist's creatures are more startling for their modest screen time, and the film has several other interesting, sympathetic characters that give us reasons to hope we'll see a light at the end of the disaster – as we have in "The Storm of the Century" and "The Stand," where some people die but good wins out overall.

"Stephen King's The Mist" is rated R for violence, terror, gore and language. But what the MPAA rating, TV advertisements and trailers fail to warn viewers is of the darkness this film contains.

We've been waiting for a horror film with suspense instead of empty scares and gore with emotional impact rather than just a gross-out factor – "The Mist" may be one of the most intense psychological thrillers of the decade. But it's also one of the most disturbing, and should be approached with caution. And not at all by sensitive viewers.

Airbrushed beauties, when is skinny fat?

Jessica Cochran
Entertainment Editor

Since when is wearing a size two considered fat?

Evidently, ever since Jennifer Love Hewitt was spotted by the paparazzi wearing a bikini on a beach in Hawaii.

I cannot believe at how harsh the media can be – the woman is practically a twig. Just because she can't fit into clothes that my nine-year-old sister could wear does not mean she's fat.

The paparazzi photos that are being scrutinized the most show Hewitt from behind, and even bloggers viewing the photos are making comments about her cellulite and saying she needs to start exercising.

For one, pictures don't necessarily mean truth – there are such things as bad angles and manipulated photos.

Second, most of the bloggers and other people commenting negatively on the photos are more than likely just scrapping for cheap shots at the actress. I hate to sound too much like a psychology major here, but most of the people taking jabs at her probably lack self-esteem and confidence when it comes to their own body physique. Bringing her down to the level of a "normal person" makes themselves feel better.

Magazines and other media that portray attractive women as a size zero are giving the wrong impression – especially to young girls.

Most of the models and celebrities found in those magazines are airbrushed, having digital liposuction and plastic surgery before going on the grocery store shelves.

Yet these are the people that children, and adults for that matter, want to look just like. Unfortunately, these airbrushed beauties are the epitome of attraction – and they're not even real.

But how skinny is too skinny? Until people come to realize what is seen on television or in a magazine is not necessarily the truth, it's hard to tell.

Being skinny does not mean having a large chest and a small waist. Being skinny is being healthy – and you don't have to wear a size zero to be considered so.

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5. The term Kwanzaa is derived from this language
10. Term given to the seven candles of Kwanzaa
12. Declared Santa to be a "pagan goblin" in 1958
17. Candle used for Hanukkah
18. Hanukkah is mentioned in these deuterocanonical books
19. Holiday following Christmas

Down

2. Created Kwanzaa in 1966
3. Dutch for Santa Clause
4. Meaning of the word Hanukkah
6. Another name for Santa Clause
7. Hanukkah is also known as this
8. Hebrew word for dreidel
9. Christmas was banned under this English leader
11. Birthplace of Jesus
13. Traditional term used for the seven principles of Kwanzaa
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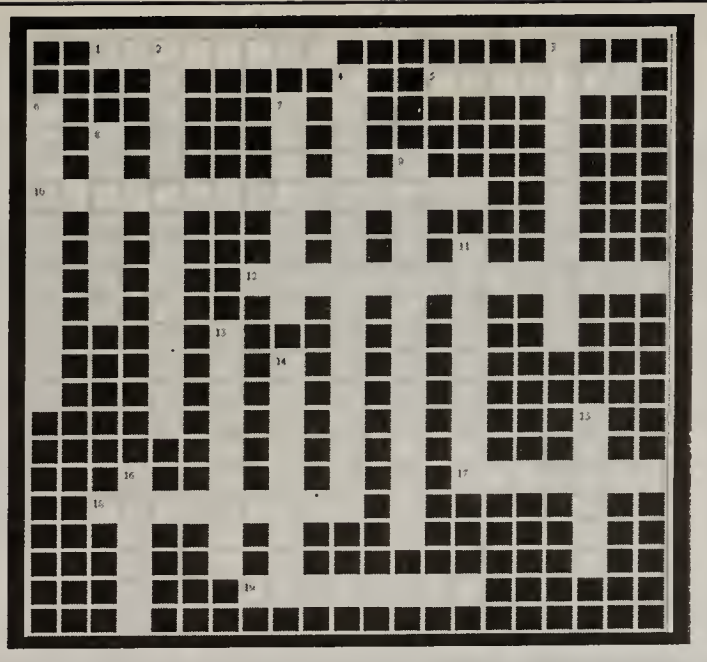
15. Country of Saint Nicholas
16. Food typically associated with Hanukkah



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The Punch gets Spiked

Jeremy Homan
Sports Editor

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Spiked Punch are the new 2007 intramural Volleyball Champions. Back row from left to right: Nick Ferguson, Brandon Popovich and Adam Taylor. Front row from left to right: Letticia Almaguer, Katie Craig and Sidney Ruman.

Spiked Punch completed their undefeated season and won their first intramural volleyball championship.

They defeated the reigning champions Hawaiian Punch in a two-game sweep, 21-16 and 21-17.

Hawaiian Punch defeated Spiked Punch last year in the championship, when Spiked Punch was known as A Taint Away. Hawaiian Punch had won the two previous championships.

"It's all about teamwork and face paint."
Spiked Punch team member Katie Craig

With a new name this season, they took the league by storm and captured their first championship.

"They played good, but we played better," said Spiked Punch team member Katie Craig, a sophomore majoring in communications. "It's all about teamwork and face paint."

Face paint ran from Craig's face as tears of joy fell from her eyes after celebrating with her team.

Spike Punch defeated Team Poofy in impressive fashion, 21-10 with both games prior to the championship.

Hawaiian Punch defeated Volley Von Spikers to punch their ticket to the championship that would immediately follow.

Both of Spiked Punch's victories in the championship came from behind.

They trailed by as many as eight in the first game before taking charge.

First year Spiked Punch team member Sydney Ruman played a key role in the season success.

"It was my first time [on the team] and it was amazing," said Ruman.

Hawaiian Punch came out strong, taking an early commanding lead.

Miscommunication flustered Hawaiian Punch while Spiked Punch took advantage and took the lead.

Spiked Punch once again came from behind in the second game and secured the victory after Hawaiian Punch made a push at the end.

Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik feels Spiked Punch is a solid team that deserved their victory.

"Spiked Punch finally got the monkey off their back. They seem to be so close to winning every semester," said Dudzik. "It just shows that if a team sticks together each semester they will only get better."

Spiked Punch will begin defending their championship next semester when volleyball starts again.

Fourth N One crowned champions, defeat Fano's

Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

Chronicle photo by Rick Baultewicz

Criminal justice major Eric Wagner reaches for the flag in the championship game.

An amazing performance by quarterback Jake Felton helped crown Fourth N One flag football champions.

They defeated Fano's 70-49 in Flag Football Bowl VII last Monday night in the REC Center.

Felton, a senior majoring in history, completed 15 passes for a total of nine touchdowns. He rushed to the end zone for a score as well. Fourth N One coasted through the season with only one loss.

"Our win tonight is all because of our receivers," said Felton. "They all played their best game of the year."

Eric Wagner and Kevin Dunne were Felton's top targets. The two receivers both had four touchdown receptions. The eight combined touchdowns were more than Fano's total touchdowns.

Fourth N One was extremely happy to be crowned champions after the long season.

"I love Jake Felton," said Bob Jones.

Fano's performance was good, but just not good enough to stop Felton and the passing attack. The game was tied at 49 late in the game, but it quickly changed.

Fano's quarterback Matt Bielat threw six touchdown passes, but his biggest mistake was an interception thrown to Trent Redlarcyzk.

The pick led to a Fourth N One score, and Fano's could not answer back against the soon-to-be champs.

Now that the season is over, Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik looks back on the season and sees much success.

"I think it was better than years past," said Dudzik. "People were well behaved for the most part. We also had some very good competition."

Dudzik also views Fourth N One as a dominant force.

"They know the game of football," he said. "They play smart, they don't get flustered. They play very level headed."

The road to Flag Football Bowl VIII will begin next September when the new season starts.

National Lampoon Sports Minute (Or So)

New York Giants leading rusher Derrick Ward is out with a leg injury.

Ward's leg is so weak, doctors briefly mistook it for Eli Manning's arm.

The Lions' Roy Williams may be out for the season. Detroit will have to replace him with one of their other 742 wide receivers.

Ricky Williams' season ended after he tore a chest muscle. Williams will spend the next few weeks trying to convince his doctor it was due to glaucoma.

Tom Petty will play at half-time of the Super Bowl, dedicating "Don't Come Around Here No More" to the Miami Dolphins.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. has been selected NASCAR's most popular driver by internet users for the fifth straight year.

Earnhardt is well liked by both NASCAR fans that own computers.

Tony La Russa pleaded guilty to driving under the influence. The Cardinal manager admitted to falling asleep at the wheel last year, and also driving under the influence.

Dick's Sporting Goods has purchased Chick's Sporting Goods. Yes, Dick's bought Chick's. Every possible domain name for their new company is already taken.

Harness driver Tim Tetrick has broken the single-season record with his 1,078th victory. Tetrick has been riding his horses so hard this year that they're already starting to smell like glue.

For the second time, Bobby Knight has been accused of shooting someone while hunting. Next week, Knight will be announcing his candidacy for Vice President.

And the New York Knicks lost to the Celtics by 45 points, barely beating the spread.

Written by Steve Hofstetter, Keith Alberstadt, Adam Hofstetter, CodyMarley, Ryan Murphy, Elliot Steingart and Chris Strait

For more of the Sports Minute (Or So) visit:
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Peregrines lose at home

Ryan Metz
Assistant Sports Editor

Cornerstone University came running into the REC Center gym on Friday night with an 8-2 record and continued to run the Peregrines right out of the gym with a 76-49 victory.

The quick transition displayed by the Golden Eagles was too much for PUC to handle as it led to an onslaught of easy layups.

Cornerstone (9-2) was led by Brooke Carter's 18 points and 10 rebounds.

"I thought the fastbreak worked really well," said Cornerstone head coach Carla Fles. "We have some girls with speed and we pride ourselves on getting out quick."

Cornerstone jumped out to a 7-0 lead before PUC senior guard Linsey Smith buried a 23-foot three-pointer as a counterpunch.

Smith's 17 point effort was not enough for the Peregrines (3-9) in the defeat.

"I think we played very lackadaisical tonight," said Smith. "We seemed tired and frustrated and when it came to our defense – nobody took part in it.

Cornerstone led at the break 46-28. PUC only shot 27 percent from the field, while being outrebounded by the Golden Eagles by 16.

"We feel very sad that we lost tonight, because we felt we could have put a better effort," said PUC head coach Tom Megyesi. "Especially in the first half; it seemed like we were running in mud.

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Linsey Smith goes up for a shot in between Cornerstone defenders Dani Kraai (32) and Ashleigh Lund (12) in Friday nights game. The Peregrines dropped their 9th game of the season.

"Hopefully it's a mental thing of us being tired, instead of a physical thing."

Megyesi believes they have to be accountable for their efforts as he has to be accountable for his coaching.

"We as a group need to get better before conference play in January," he added.

Playing in her first game of the year for the Peregrines, Rhiannon Howard, a 6-foot-5 reserve center contributed with six points and three blocked shots.

Freshman guard Jenny Britton ended her season against St. Francis on Wednesday Dec. 6 when she tore her ACL in her left knee.

"It's terrible – I haven't stopped crying," said the 5-foot-4 Britton.

Britton played in 11 regular season games in her freshman season.

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Box Scores
Basketball

Women Dec. 7
PUC 49, Cornerstone 76

Cornerstone	FG	REB	PT
Thelen, T	3/7	3	10
Overbeek, K	2/6	3	4
Plewes, J	8/14	3	17
Carter, B	8/11	10	18
Keag, A	3/6	11	8
Lund, A	0/2	3	4
Gorski, A	4/4	7	8
Vink, K	0/2	0	0
TerHaar, A	3/4	5	7
Kraai, D	0/4	3	0
Totals	31/60	34	76

PUC	FG	REB	PT
Harris, J	4/19	0	9
Hurst, L	3/11	7	7
Robinson, C	0/3	4	0
Dugan, S	0/7	6	0
Smith, L	5/11	3	17
Enright, N	1/1	0	3
Howard, R	3/8	2	6
Lobodinski, C	1/4	6	2
Keilman, S	1/2	3	5
Totals	18/66	31	49

Tigers still not the favorite in the AL

Jeremy Homan
Sports Editor

The Detroit Tigers are stacked. There is no question about it.

After acquiring Miguel Cabrera and Dontrelle Willis from the Marlins, they are without a doubt a powerhouse. Tiger General Manager Dave Dombrowski is sitting pretty.

But they are still on the best team in the American League; they are not even the best team in their division.

The Red Sox are still the best team in the AL and the Indians are still the best team in the Central Division by a slim margin.

It is hard to imagine how the Tigers are not the best team with the players they acquired and the team they now have.

The Tigers gave up a lot of talent in the trade with Florida that they will miss in the long run. Pitcher Andrew Miller had the potential to be a solid number two or three starter in the rotation within the next couple years and Cameron Maybin will be missed as well.

Let's look at it this way. The Tigers have one of the most potent offenses in the league now.

They still have most of their players from last year and have added Cabrera and not to be forgotten Edgar Renteria – who they added early in the off season.

Their offense has the potential to set records and score an unimaginable amount of runs. If there is one thing we have learned in the past, it is offense will not win championships.

Looking at their pitching, it looks as if they have the best rotation in the league.

Let's look beyond the names though. Justin Verlander will lead the pack and will win a CY Young within the next two years. After Verlander, Jeremy Bonderman follows – who has proven himself over the past two seasons.

Then the rotation may have some questions. Willis had the worst year of his career last season with the Marlins, going 10-15 with a 5.17 ERA. This is a pitcher who just two years ago won 22 games and had a career low ERA.

Willis is making the transition to the AL which can be tough. A year can go either way.

He will either get shelled or will have a decent year. Don't expect Willis to put up outstanding numbers.

Kenny Rogers and Nate Robertson will round out the rotation. Rogers had a sub-par season last year due to injuries, but still was not himself when he was healthy. Rogers is 43 years old and is on the decline in his career. Robertson is inconsistent. You never know what kind of performance he is going to give.

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With the additions of Miguel Cabrer (left) and Dontrelle Willis (right), the Tigers are still not an automatic favorite in the American league.

The Indians have the core of their 2007 playoff team returning for 2008.

They were one game away from the World Series last season and have the capability of returning to the championship series again.

With returning pitching stars CY Young award winner C.C. Sabathia and up and coming Fausto Carmona to go along with Paul Byrd and Jake Westbrook, the Indians have the edge in the Central.

The Indians bullpen is one of the best in the league, mainly their middle and late relief. Their bullpen shined in the off season and late in the season.

Rafael Betancourt had the best year of his career and struck out an average of over one batter per inning. Their bullpen will be the key to their success.

The Indians' offense has the ability to generate runs at any time. Grady Sizemore is a future MVP and scored 118 runs last season and will score more this time around.

They have their best offensive player – Victor Martinez – coming back from last season.

Their offense is one of the top five in the league. Combined with their pitching, it will put them at the top of the Central.

The Tigers took a step forward towards returning to the World Series, but they still have questions.

They have possibly the best offense in the league, but once again offense doesn't win championships and it will not win them a division. Plan on seeing the Tigers as the Wild Card winner.

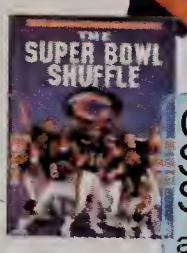
Score with these holiday gift ideas

Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

The holiday season is a time for giving and a time for caring, but this holiday season let's not forget about the sports fans. It's Christmas, so that means go the extra mile for the person you care about and spend the extra dollars. There are all sorts of gifts, whether it's a coat for the winter or a White Sox World Series DVD for those who like to live in the past. There are all sorts of items for the team of your choice. So this holiday season make it count and make the sports fan a happy fan with these numerous gift ideas.

Women's Chicago Bears 4 in 1 Coat
available at chicagobears.com
$109.99

Chicago Bears Tailgate Toss [BeanBags]
available at Dick's Sporting Goods
$99.99



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$45.99

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$59.99

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$39.99

Ladies contrast crew
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$25.99

Ladies Cubs pajamas
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$109.99

Men's Cubs hooded sweatshirt
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$79.99

Cubs backpack
available at Dicks Sporting Goods
$49.99

Men's White Sox Parka w/ removable vest
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$99.99

Ladies Arctic fleece lined jacket
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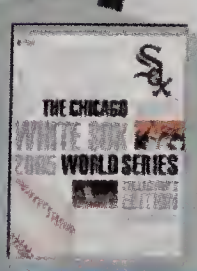
$109.99



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$53.99

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